

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the first full paragraph of page 11 of the patent application which begins, “Optionally, the process of identifying” with the following paragraph:

Optionally, the process of identifying relationships can be automated such that the monitor can probe the application for particular configuration elements. Specifically, in block 230 the monitor can probe the application to infer relationships with other applications such as the dependence upon co-existing application resources. Upon discovering a relationship, the relationship data can be written to the registry in block 240. Whether performed manually or automatically, in block 250, the process can repeat until no relationships remain to be recorded in the registry.

Please replace the first full paragraph of page 12 of the patent application which begins, “In decision block 320” with the following paragraph:

In decision block 320, where an alert has been received, in block 330 the sensitivity of the performance monitor can be increased. In this regard, it can be presumed that if a fault condition has arisen in an application upon which the monitored application depends, a higher likelihood now exists that a fault condition will arise in the monitored application. Conversely, in decision block 320, where a clearing event has been received, in block 340 the sensitivity of the performance monitor can be decreased. Again, in this circumstance it can be presumed that because the related application has reached a normative state, the probability that a fault condition will arise in the monitored application will decrease. In either case, in block 350, the monitor can return to its monitoring mode.